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Annotations

1. Election of officers

At its twenty-fifth session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination reaffirmed the decision made at its twenty-fourth session that the post of its Chair, as well as the other posts on the Bureau, should rotate annually among the regional groups in the following pattern: (a) Group of African States; (b) Group of Eastern European States; (c) Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; (d) Group of Western European and Other States; and (e) Group of Asia-Pacific States.

At its fifty-second session, in the absence of nominations for the Chair from the Group of Western European and Other States, the Committee elected, by acclamation, the representative from Benin as Chair of the Committee for the session, without prejudice to the pattern of rotation for the post of Chair adopted by the Committee at its twenty-fifth session. Accordingly, the Committee confirmed that for the fifty-third session the Chairmanship of the Committee would be held by a member of the Group of Asia-Pacific States while the post of Rapporteur would be held by a member of the Group of Western European and Other States.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Pursuant to paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/41 and paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 34/50, the Committee submitted to the Council and the Assembly for their review the provisional agenda for its fifty-third session, together with the list of documentation requested.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly. In its resolution 59/267, the Assembly invited the Committee, in performing its programmatic, coordination, monitoring and evaluation functions, as set out in its mandate, to consider relevant reports of the Unit. The Assembly, in its resolution 67/236, endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in its report on its fifty-second session, including its recommendation that the Assembly urge the Unit to intensify its efforts to introduce to the Committee reports that are relevant to the function of the Committee, bearing in mind subparagraphs 4 (d) and (e) of article 11 of the statute of the Unit (A/67/16, para. 7). In that connection, the Committee will select, at its organizational meeting, under agenda item 2, the report or reports of the Unit that it will consider at its fifty-third session under agenda item 5.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 53/207 and 54/236 and its decision 54/474, attention is drawn to Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2000/8, which contains the approved Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

By its resolution 64/229, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and decided not to include the agenda item "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination" in future sessions, and further decided to discuss related matters under the agenda item "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work" as and when needed.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the fifty-third session (E/AC.51/2013/L.1)

Note by the Secretariat on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2013/L.2)

3. Programme questions

(a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

In its resolution 58/269 entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change", the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare, on a trial basis, for submission to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, a strategic framework to replace the four-year medium-term plan, which would comprise, in one document:

(a) Part one: a plan outline, reflecting the longer-term objectives of the Organization;

(b) Part two: a biennial programme plan, to cover two years.

In its resolution 62/224, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee, contained in its report on its forty-seventh session, that the Assembly decide to maintain the strategic framework as the principal policy directive of the United Nations with effect from the biennium 2010-2011 and to continue to include part one, plan outline, in the strategic framework (A/62/16, subparas. 33 (a) and (b)). The Committee requested the Secretary-General to improve the format of part one and the reflection of the longer-term objectives therein and reaffirmed that the Committee should, in performing its programmatic role in the planning and budgeting process, continue to review the programmatic aspects of the new and/or revised mandates approved subsequent to the adoption of the biennial programme plan, as well as any differences that may arise between the biennial programme plan and the programmatic aspects of the proposed programme budget, in accordance with its terms of reference, the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation and the relevant resolutions of the Assembly.

In paragraph 10 of the same resolution, the General Assembly recalled regulation 5.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation and reiterated that the Committee for Programme and Coordination should continue to perform its role in reviewing the strategic framework and to recommend any necessary changes to the Economic and Social Council and the Assembly.

By its resolution 67/248, the General Assembly decided on the priorities for the biennium 2014-2015, which would form the basis for preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015. In the same resolution, the Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in its report on its fifty-second session (A/67/16), including: (a) that the Committee submit a report proposing revisions, based on changes approved by the Assembly in its various resolutions on programme planning, to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation; and (b) the recommendation that the Assembly ensure that the programme narrative of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 under the Environment section fully reflect the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General: consolidated report on the changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/68/__)

Strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6/Rev.1)

Relevant fascicles of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

Report of the Secretary-General: proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (A/68/___)

(b) Evaluation

In its resolution 62/224, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee at its forty-seventh session on improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee within the framework of its mandate, whereby the Committee would consider in-depth and thematic evaluation reports, as well as the report on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives, in budget years, without prejudice to its consideration of evaluation reports in off-budget years, upon its request or that of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, taking into account rule 107.2 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

(i) Strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives

In accordance with regulation 7.4 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, the Committee will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the evaluation role and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives. In this regard, the attention of the Committee is drawn to the relevant sections of General Assembly resolutions 36/228 B, 37/234, 38/227 A and B,

42/215, 43/219, 44/194, 45/253, 51/219, 53/207, 55/234, 57/282, 59/275, 61/235, 64/229 and 66/8.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives (A/68/___)

(ii) Programme evaluation

In its resolution 66/8, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-first session (A/66/16), selecting the programme evaluations of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the United Nations Environment Programme, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-third session in 2013.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the United Nations Environment Programme (E/AC.51/2013/2)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (E/AC.51/2013/__)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/AC.51/2013/__)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/AC.51/2013/__)

4. Coordination questions

(a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the Committee will have before it the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for 2012/13.

In paragraph 15 of its resolution 67/236, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in chapter III, section A, of the report of the Committee on its fifty-second session (A/67/16), on the annual overview report of CEB for 2011/12. In the report, the Committee recommended that the Assembly bring to the attention of the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, the need for the Board to act in accordance with its mandate of enhancing system-wide coordination and in conformity with the intergovernmental mandates of its member organizations, as well as the need to take actions aimed at fostering dialogue between CEB and Member States. In that regard the Committee also recommended the need to improve the transparency of the report of CEB by including a summary of the status of implementation of the recommendations approved by the Assembly.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2012/13 (E/2013/__)

(b) New Partnership for Africa's Development

In its resolution 60/257, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in chapter IV, section B, of the report of the Committee on its forty-fifth session (A/60/16 and Corr.1), on the New Partnership for Africa's Development. In paragraph 237 of the report, the Committee recommended that the Assembly request the Secretary-General to report to the Committee at its forty-sixth session, and annually thereafter, on the progress, including problems, obstacles and challenges, as well as the goals of the United Nations system, to be achieved in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

In paragraph 15 of its resolution 67/236, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in chapter III, section B of the report of the Committee on its fifty-second session (A/67/16), on the annual overview report on the New Partnership for Africa's Development. In its report, the Committee recommended that the Assembly endorse the conclusions and recommendations contained in paragraphs 101 to 109 of the annual report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/AC.51/2012/5) and also reiterated its recommendation contained in its report on its fifty-first session (A/66/16), that the reports of the Secretary-General on the New Partnership include tangible actions and results in respect of United Nations system support for projects of the New Partnership throughout the African continent, while stressing that future reports should further enhance the focus on the impact, in both quantitative and qualitative terms, of the activities implemented by entities of the United Nations system in support of the Partnership with respect to the resources.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/AC.51/2013/__)

5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit

Under agenda item 5, the Committee will consider the relevant report or reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, to be decided upon by the Committee during its organizational session on 25 April 2013.

Documentation

Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit (see E/AC.51/2013/L.2)

6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII), the Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its fifty-fourth session, with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the

Committee to consider those documents, their contribution to its work, their urgency and their relevance in the light of the current situation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-fourth session of the Committee (E/AC.51/2013/L.3)

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-third session

The report of the Committee on its fifty-third session will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2013 and to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its fifty-third session (E/AC.51/2013/L.4 and addenda)

Annex

Members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for 2013[a]

Membership in 2013	*Term expires on 31 December*
Algeria	2013
Antigua and Barbuda	2013
Argentina	2014
Belarus	2014
Benin	2013
Botswana	2015
Brazil	2014
Bulgaria	2014
Cameroon	2014
China	2013
Cuba	2014
El Salvador	2015
Eritrea	2013
France	2015
Guinea	2014
Guinea-Bissau	2014
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2014
Italy	2014
Japan	2013
Kazakhstan	2014
Malaysia	2014
Pakistan	2014
Peru	2015

[a] As indicated in A/67/125/Rev.1/Add.1, the Economic and Social Council decided to further postpone the nomination of five members from Western European and Other States for election by the General Assembly: four members for terms beginning on the date of election by the Assembly and expiring on 31 December 2014; and one member for a term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015 (decision 2012/201 C).

Membership in 2013	*Term expires on 31 December*
Republic of Korea	2013
Republic of Moldova	2014
Russian Federation	2015
United Republic of Tanzania	2015
Uruguay	2014
Zimbabwe	2014